I. Introduction.
   A. Christians can waste their lives just as much as other people.
   B. Text: 2 Timothy 3:16.

II. The Scriptures make us adequate for good works—he is able to accomplish any of them.

III. All Scripture is God-breathed---the Bible does not merely “contain” Scripture.

IV. All Scripture is profitable.
   A. Jesus quoted Deuteronomy when he was tempted by Satan in the desert.
   B. The man or woman of God may be fully furnished for good works because of the Scriptures.
   C. We are not saved by good works. We are saved for good works.

V. Doctrine is important and powerful.

VI. The Scripture is powerful for reproof.
   A. We are part of a generation that does not like no.
   B. When the Word of God says “no,” it means no.
   C. We must dare to take God at his word.

VII. To cut out the waste in our lives... (Romans 6:12)
   A. We must yield our members to righteousness.
      1. This refers to all that we are.
      2. Instruments are tools. God sees us as a tool.
Application questions:

1. How does the Scriptures enable God to use you?

2. What is wrong with the statement “The Word of God can be found in the Scriptures?”

3. What role does the Bible play in your daily life? What is your program for learning its truth?